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TAGS:PINT, ELAB, NG, PORC

SUBJECT: TROUBLE IN NIGER

REF: NIAMEY 1124 (NOTAL)

1. ONE OF LEADERS OF MARCH 15 ATTEMPTED COUP IN NIGER WAS
AHMED MOUDDOUR, GENERAL SECRETARY OF UNION NATIONALE DES
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TRAVAILLEURS DU NIGER (UNTN). MOUDDOUR IS ALSO A MEMBER

OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
LABOR CENTER (AALC) OF THE AFL-CIO.

2. AALC CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS IN NIGER AND
SURROUNDING COUNTRIES OF THEIR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH
MOUDDOUR. AALC REP GEORGE MARTENS FROM LOME VISITED
MOUDDOUR LAST MONTH IN CONNECTION WITH IMPACT FUND PROJECT
332. PROJECT 332 MAILED TO EMBASSY MARCH 12. IT CONCERNS
\$9500 FOR FURNISHINGS FOR UNTN LABOR CENTER. AALC REP
BART-PLANGE, ALSO OF LOME, HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO VISIT
UNTN AND UNION NATIONALE DE CREDIT ET DE COOPERATION (UNCC)
IN NEAR FUTURE IN CONNECTION WITH IMPACT FUND PROJECT 321,
A \$20,000 WELL-DIGGING PROJECT FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY
SEPT 5, 1975. (MOUDDOUR IS ALSO EX-DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
UNCC). ASSUME PROJECTS SUSPENDED PENDING CLARIFICATION
OF MOUDDOUR'S ROLE IN COUP AND GON REACTION TOWARD UNTN.

3. AALC HAS ASKED US FOR DETAILS OF MOUDDOUR'S INVOLVEMENT.

AALC HAS ALSO ASKED IF ANY INDICATIONS HAVE APPEARED THAT
COUP ATTEMPT MAY BE USED AS EXCUSE TO LIMIT ACTIVITIES OF,
OR BREAK, TRADE UNIONS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY NEWS
OF MOUDDOUR'S WELFARE.

4. INFO POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY ACTIONS BY
OATUU AND NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTERS IN BEHALF OF
MOUDDOUR.

5. FYI; AALC DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO DEFEND MOUDDOUR'S
INVOLVEMENT IN COUP ATTEMPT, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY
INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR PRINCIPAL CONTACT IN NIGER
TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND THE EFFECTS OF HIS INVOLVEMENT
UPON THE UNTN. END FYI. KISSINGER

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